## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A biodegradable plastic An aliphatic polyester composition

comprising (A) 100 parts by weight of biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester, (B) 0.01 to 10

parts by weight of a carbodiimide compound, and (C) 0.01 to 10 parts by weight of at least one

compound selected from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-

based compounds.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester composition according

to claim 1, characterized in that said triazine-based compound is a triazine-based ultraviolet

absorber or triazine derivative having at least one amino group in the molecule.

4. (Currently Amended) The biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester composition

according to claim 1, characterized in that said hydroxylamine-based compound is N-

hydroxybenzotriazole or N-hydroxysuccinimide.

5. (Cancelled)

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6. (Currently Amended) The biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester composition according

to claim 1, characterized in that said carbodiimide compound (B) is aliphatic polycarbodiimide.

7. (Currently Amended) The biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester composition according

to claim 6, characterized in that said aliphatic polycarbodiimide compound has an isocyanate

terminal.

8. (Currently Amended) A molded article of a biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester

obtained by molding the biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester composition according to any

one of claims 1 to 7.

9. (Currently Amended) The molded article of the biodegradable plastic aliphatic polyester

according to claim 8, which is in the form of molded article, extrudate, blow-molded article,

thermally molded article, fiber, non-woven fabric, film or sheet.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling a biodegradation rate of a biodegradable

plastic an aliphatic polyester, characterized in that a biodegradable plastic the aliphatic polyester

(A) is compounded with a carbodiimide compound (B) and at least one compound (C) selected

from the group consisting of benzotriazole-, triazine- and hydroxylamine-based compounds in

such a way to adjust its biodegradability.

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